

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for packaging fruits or vegetables, comprising the steps of:

(a) placing the fruits or vegetables in a container suitable for reuse as a food storage container, the container having a perimetrically extending top mating surface and a bottom surface;

(b) placing the container on the top of a reusable lid for the container, the lid having a bottom mating surface shaped to interconnect with the top mating surface of the container and a top surface having a generally flat central portion sized to receive the bottom surface of the container;

(c) overwrapping the container and the lid with a sheet of flexible material sized to extend under and cover the bottom of the lid, the material being suitable to display the fruits or vegetables and to allow gases generated thereby to escape from the container;

(d) folding the sheet underneath the lid such that edge portions thereof overlap; and

(e) coupling the overlapping portions together so as to secure the lid against the container during handling and display.

Claim 2 (original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the material comprises a breathable plastic film.

Claim 3 (original) The method defined in claim 2, wherein the overlapping portions of the film are heat sealed together.

Claim 4 (original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the container and lid comprise a commercially available reusable plastic food storage container and lid.

Claim 5 (new) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the top mating surface of the container comprises a ridge and the bottom mating surface of the lid comprises a groove.

Claim 6 (new) A method for packaging fruits or vegetables, comprising the steps of:

(a) placing the fruits or vegetables in a container suitable for reuse as a food storage container, the container having a top mating surface and a bottom surface;

(b) placing the container on top of a reusable lid for the container, the lid having a bottom mating surface shaped to interconnect with the top mating surface of the container and a top surface having a generally flat central portion sized to receive the bottom surface of the container;

(c) surrounding the container and the lid with a layer of flexible material sized to extend under and cover the bottom of the lid, the material being suitable to display the fruits or vegetables and to allow gases generated thereby to escape from the container;

(d) coupling open portions of the layer together so as to secure the lid against the container during handling and display.

Claim 7 (new) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the material comprises a breathable plastic film.

Claim 8 (new) The method defined in claim 7, wherein the open portions of the layer are sealed together.

Claim 9 (new) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the container and lid comprise a commercially available reusable plastic food storage container and lid.

Claim 10 (new) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the top mating surface of the container comprises a ridge and the bottom mating surface of the lid comprises a groove.